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1. THREAT OF JAIL SENTENCE (FOR UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION) ACCOMPANYING PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF CREATION OF NIGERIAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION (NAEC) HAVING INTENDED EFFECT ON OFFICIALS HERE. EMBASSY FAIRLY CERTAIN NIGERIAN COUNCIL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (NCST) WILL HAVE CLOSE TIES WITH NAEC, PARTICULARLY AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR NCST, DR. F.C.N. ORAGWU, IS HIMSELF ATOMIC PHYSICIST BY TRAINING (MANCHESTER) AND WORKED AT CANADIAN ATOMIC POWER RESEARCH STATION AT CHALK RIVER IN EARLY SIXTIES. ORAGWU, WHOSE OFFICE LINED WITH BOOKSHELVES OF IAEA PUBLICATIONS, HAS BEEN GOOD EMBASSY CONTACT, FRIENDLY AND OPEN TO DISCUSSION, BUT DECLINED EVEN DISCUSS INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONSHIP NAEC AND NCST WHEN QUERIED BY EMBOFF, POINTING OUT THAT ALL SUCH INFORMATION NOW TOP SECRET.

2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT POUCHING TWO COPIES OF REGULATIONS GOVERNING US NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION. WOULD LIKE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO PRESENT COPY TO ORAGWU, BOTH AS SOMETHING THAT MAY BE OF

PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE TO NCST AND NAEC, AS WELL AS MEANS OF KEEPING CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION OPEN ON THIS NEW AND INTERESTING DEVELOPMENT.

3. COMMERCIAL ATTACHE CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION INDICATED TO EMBOFF THAT CANADA'S AECL MAY MAKE SOME EFFORT TO SELL NIGERIA HEAVY WATER REACTOR NOW THAT FMG HAS PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED ITS INTENTION TO GO NUCLEAR. ATTACHE SAID HE HAD HEARD WEST GERMANY HAS INSIDE TRACK, HOWEVER.

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